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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of Patents P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the fee. Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-1500 for any additional charges associated with this Petition.

Please immediately contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding this Petition.

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